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Dear Michael,

Saudi Arabia

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attended Riyadh 18/3*

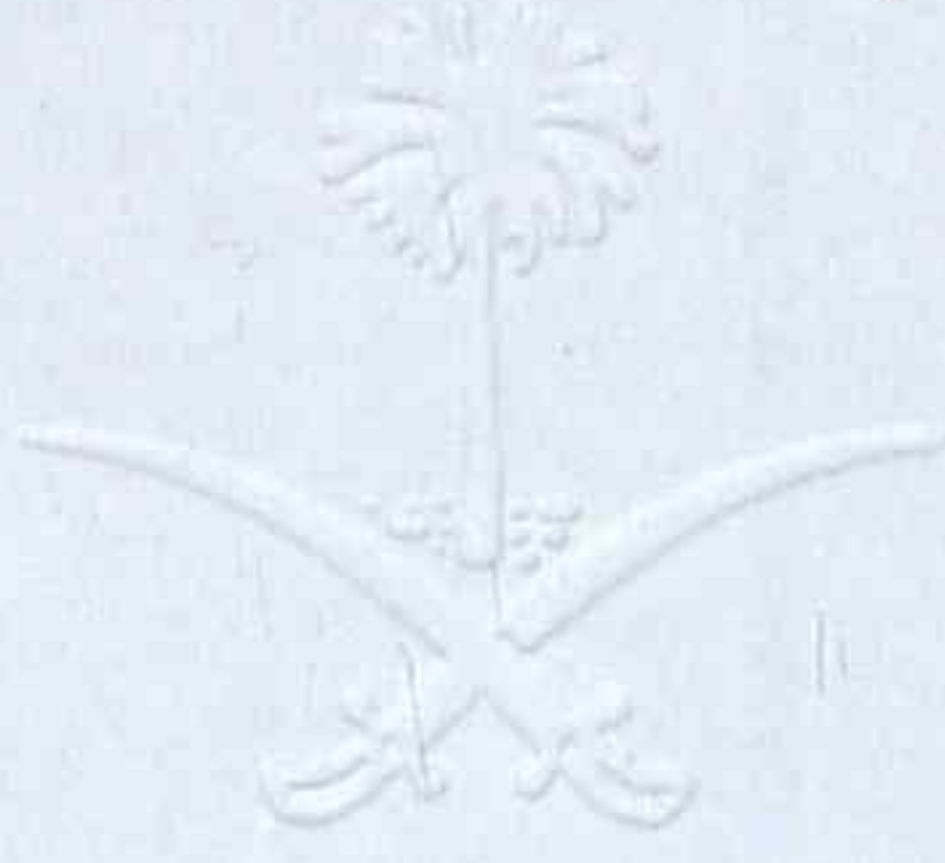
Jedda telno 172 of 10 March conveyed a translation of Prince Fahd's reply to the Prime Minister's message of 16 February welcoming the announcement of the Co-operation Committee for the Arab States of the Gulf.

/ I attach the original. We have taken a copy for our own files.

*Yours ever
Roderic Lyne*

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دولة السيدة ماجريت تاتشر

رئيسة وزراء بريطانيا

تلقيت رسالة دولتك التي عبرت فيها عن سرورك بمعرفة نتيجة اجتماع وزراء دول الخليج الذي عقد في الرياض يوم ٤ / فبراير ، ونتج عنه تأسيس مجلس التعاون لدول الخليج العربية . وانني اذ اعرب لك عن خالص شكري لما حملته هذه الرسالة من مشاعر وتمنيات طيبة بهذه المناسبة مؤكدا ان دعم امن واستقرار الخليج العربي هو بتكاتف وتعاون دول المنطقة وتضافر الجهود الخيرة لاستمرار الامن والسلام . وسنعمل ما بوسعنا مع دول المنطقة لتبقى بعيدة عن كل الصراعات الدولية لخدمة الامن والسلام الدولي .

آملا ان يكون في زيارة دولتك المقبلة لبلادنا دعما للتعاون وتوثيق الصلات لما فيه الخير لبلدينا .

مع صادق تحياتي وتمنياتي الطيبة .

فهد بن عبد العزيز آل سعود



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MIPT: PRINCE FAHD'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

' 'IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MRS MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME
MINISTER OF BRITAIN.

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER IN WHICH YOU
EXPRESSED YOUR PLEASURE AT LEARNING THE RESULT OF THE
MEETING OF MINISTERS OF THE GULF STATES WHICH WAS HELD IN

RIYADH ON 4 FEBRUARY AND FROM WHICH THERE RESULTED THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF COOPERATION OF THE ARAB
STATES OF THE GULF. I EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE THANKS
FOR THE GOOD FEELINGS AND WISHES ON THIS OCCASION WHICH
THIS LETTER CONVEYED, WHILE CONFIRMING THAT SUPPORTING
SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE ARAB GULF IS (TO BE
ACHIEVED) BY THE SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION OF THE STATES
OF THE REGION AND BY THE MUSTERING OF BEST EFFORTS FOR
THE CONTINUATION OF STABILITY AND PEACE. WE SHALL DO
ALL WE CAN TOGETHER WITH THE STATES OF THE REGION, SO THAT
THEY MAY STAY WELL AWAY FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLES
IN THE SERVICE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND PEACE.

HOPING THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO
OUR COUNTRY WILL STRENGTHEN COOPERATION AND CEMENT RELATIONS
TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WITH SINCERE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES.

FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD

RIYADH, 1 JUMADA I 1401 AH

CORRESPONDING TO 7 MARCH 1981 AD' '

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